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EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Purpose. To establish policy regarding the exchange of communications between the Department of State (DOS) and the Department of Defense.
2. Cancellation. MCM-90-92, 22 June 1992, "Exchange of Communications," is superseded.
3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the unified commands (CINCs), CDRUSELEMNORAD, Services, and Defense agencies.
4. Policy. A Memorandum of Agreement, 3 April 1964, between DOS and DOD on the exchange of communications contains a provision stating: "It shall be the responsibility of all officers of the Departments of State and Defense to assure that communications originating in one Department and its field organizations which contain information that the other Department needs to know are exchanged expeditiously, without restriction because of sensitivity." This agreement replaced the Webb-Lovett Agreement of 1951.
5. Definitions. None.
6. Responsibilities
 - a. Actions required under this agreement are for the CINCs, CDRUSELEMNORAD, Services, and Defense agencies to:
 - (1) Implement the above provision.

- (2) Expedite dissemination of information to other interested Government agencies.
 - (3) Reduce the need for electrical readdressals by eliminating internal passing instructions in messages, such as "CJCS PASS TO WHITE HOUSE, STATE, SECDEF."
 - b. There is a continuing requirement for the CINCs to include DOS as an information addressee on messages to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Staff, and the Secretary of Defense if those messages are of direct interest to DOS. Once a determination is made that DOS should be addressed, the White House (and CIA, if applicable) and DOS field organizations also should be included as information addressees.
 - c. The foregoing also applies to messages designated as LIMDIS and CODEWORD unless determined otherwise by the originating command.
 - d. The CINCs should review their implementing instructions to subordinate commanders concerning this agreement.
7. Summary of Changes. None.
8. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon receipt.

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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